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SUBJECT: MALLOUM VISITS FOUR NORTHERN REGIONS

1. PRESIDENT FELIX MALLOUM RETURNED TO NDJAMENA JUNE 28 FROM A THREE DAY PUBLIC RELATIONS TRIP IN THE PREFECTURES OF BILTINE, OUADDAI, BATHA AND KANEM. ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN INFOTCHAD, MALLOUM EXPLAINED THAT QUOTE THE CHADIAN PROBLEM WAS NOT ONE OF MOSLEM AGAINST CHRISTIANS UNQUOTE BUT THAT QUOTE OUR COUNTRY IS ... COVETED BY A POWERFUL NEIGHBOR, LIBYA. UNQUOTE THE CSM PRESIDENT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE EXPLAINED THAT CHAD ASKED ITS FRIENDS FOR HELP AGAINST THIS AGGRESSION AND THAT FRANCE RESPONDED. AS
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SOON AS THE LIBYANS ENDED THEIR OPERATIONS ALONGSIDE FROLINAT, HE PROMISED THAT FRENCH TROOPS WOULD DEPART.

2. OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY THE GENERAL IN HIS VARIOUS MEETINGS WITH TRIBAL LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDED PROTESTS BY STUDENTS, (PARTICULARLY IN ABECHE) WHICH HE STRONGLY CONDEMNED AND POINTED

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OUT THAT THEY WERE BANNED BY A LAW PROHIBITING PROTEST
STRIKES, AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN WHOSE NAME HE
SOLICITED THE HELP OF ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION.

3. THE NEWS REPORT CONCLUDED WITH THE DESCRIPTION
OF THE WARM RECEPTIONS GIVEN THE PRESIDENT, WHO WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY INTERIOR MINISTER KOTIGA AND JUSTICE
MINISTER MAHAMOUND AS WELL AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
EDUCATION AHMED ISSA. AT EACH OF THE STOPS, LARGE
NUMBERS OF ROBED HORSE MEN, AND VE DANCERS PERFORMED
TRADITONAL WELCOMING CEREMONIES, BUT THE TOWN OF ATI
WAS SINGLED OUT FOR THE ESPECIALLY STRONG SUPPORT ECPRESSED
BECAUSE ITS TRIBAL LEADERS LOUDLY CONDEMNED LIBYAN
PRESENCE AND FROLINAT ACTIONS WITHIN BATHA PROVINCE.
FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS PRIVATELY ASSESSED RESULTS OF
TRIP AND RECEPTION OF MALLOUM AS FOLLOWING: BILTINE
AND ABECHE, FAIR; ATI, GOOD; MOUSSORO AND MAO, EXCELLENT.

4. PRESIDENT IS CONTINUING TRIPS AND LEAVES FOR BOL
TODAY. BRADFORD

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